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SUBJECT: USS MC CANDLESS MOMBASA VISIT

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1. EMBASSY FULLY APPRECIATES MORALE FACTOR IN MAIL DELIVERY FOR USS MC CANDLESS, BUT AS IT INDICATED IN ITS RESPONSE TO COMIDEASFOR (REF B), IT SIMPLY WILL NOT HAVE STAFF AVAILABLE DURING IMF/IBRD CONFERENCE TO SEND ONE SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEE AND ONE DRIVER TO AIRPORT TWICE EACH DAY, WHICH IS NORMAL MAIL TRANSFER REQUIREMENT FOR SHIP VISITS.

2. EMBASSY HAD ALSO THOUGHT OF ASKING USS MC CANDLESS TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL FOR TRANSFER, BUT THIS NOT RPT NOT FEASIBLE IN VIEW SPECIAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT AIRPORT DURING CONFERENCE. ENTRY TO RAMPS AND BAGGAGE AREAS BEING RESTRICTED TO VERY FEW SPECIALLY AUTHORIZED PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH IMF/IBRD CONFERENCE.

3. MUST THEREFORE AGAIN REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S, AS WELL AS US NAVY'S UNDERSTANDING OUR SPECIAL PROBLEM DURING MC CANDLESS VISIT. AS MC CANDLESS NEXT MAIL STOP WILL BE OCT. 6, ONE WEEK AFTER LEAVING MOMBASA, EMBASSY TRUSTS ITS INABILITY TO PROVIDE NORMAL SERVICE ON THIS ONE OCCASION WILL NOT PROVE TOO GREAT A HARDSHIP.

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